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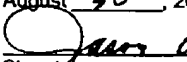
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**SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 21, 2006**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicant believes only a one month extension of time is required as calculated from the mailing of the advisory action on August 29, 2006. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0344.P1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.